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## **POST-ALLOWANCE COMMUNICATION**

### ***Priority***

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on PCT/US00/06952, filed on March 15, 2000. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b). Applicant is reminded that in order for a patent issuing on the instant application to obtain the benefit of priority based on PCT/US00/06952, a certified copy of that application is required.
2. In response to this Communication, Applicant may either submit the certified copy discussed above, or file a new Oath/Declaration that does not include a priority claim to the PCT application. It is noted that the PCT application was filed on the same date as parent application 09/525,361.

### ***Conclusion***

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters discussed above.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Diana B. Johannsen whose telephone number is 571/272-0744. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-4:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, W. Gary Jones can be reached at 571/272-0745. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana B. Johannsen", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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